REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-16, 19-30, and 41-52 without prejudice to introduction in a subsequent application. As a result, claims 31-40 are pending in the application. Claims 1-16, 19-26, and 52 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 and 16-23 of United States Patent No. 7,153,703. Claims 1-16, 19-30, and 41-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent 7,153,703.

Claims 1-16, 19-26, and 52 and Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-16, 19-26, and 52 without prejudice to introduction in a subsequent application. The cancellation of claims 1-16, 19-26, and 52 renders the present rejection moot.

Claims 1-16, 19-30, and 41-52 and 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-16, 19-30, and 41-52 without prejudice to introduction in a subsequent application. The cancellation of claims 1-16, 19-30, and 41-52 renders the present rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter - Claims 31-40

Claims 31-40 are allowed. In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants respectfully request an allowance of the present application.

CONCLUSION

An allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact J. Clinton Wimbish at 704.338.5021 to discuss any matter related to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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